

Freedom of Information request 193-22

Request

Can you please provide me with the below information?

1.(a) Who is the head of procurement at NHS Borders responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?

(b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service at NHS Borders? *

*** Clarification: Who is the staffing lead responsible for the approval of agency nursing spend?**

2. Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)

3. Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 4 months at NHS Borders?

4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between December 2021 –March 2022 (a) Theatre Scrub/Recovery/ Anaesthetic nurse (b) Midwifery (c) Chemotherapy Nurse

5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between December 2021 –March 2022?

Response

1. a) Agency Staffing must be authorised by the Board Specific Associate Director of Nursing. If the request is made out of hours it will be the Executive on call who must authorise the request.

b) Associate Director of Nursing for Acute Services.

2. Please find below the contact details of those above:

- Elaine Dickson (Associate Director of Nursing for Acute Services) - 01896 826709, elaine.dickson2@borders.scot.nhs.uk
- Susannah Flower (Associate Director of Nursing for Primary & Community Services) – 01896 826000, susannah.flower@borders.scot.nhs.uk
- Peter Lerpiniere (Associate Director of Nursing for Mental Health) – 01896 827152 peter.lerpiniere@borders.scot.nhs.uk

3. NHS Borders have used an off-framework agency in the last 4 months.

4. The amount spent on Off Framework Agency staff during December to March is £428,629, this includes the agency staff booked through the NHS Lothian Bank System.

5. There have been no unfilled shifts in this time period.

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